

WASHINGTON

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX c. RACE
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)	
a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	d. STATE
e. COUNTY OR PARISH	f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known)
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)	
6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)	
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)	
a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.	
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
h. The information on this form is true and complete.	
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	j. DATE
X	M M D D Y Y
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)	
DATE SIGNED	
M M D D Y Y	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "NA" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your Washington voting residence. A post office box or rural route is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address.

Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. Washington is an open primary state. Designation of political party affiliation is not required.

E. If you do not wish to request an absentee ballot for all future elections, indicate in this section for which elections you are requesting an absentee ballot. You may also use this section to include any former name under which you may be registered or a telephone number where you can be reached.

F. Check ONE box.

G. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Washington and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You may use a single FPCA to request absentee ballots for all future elections, except if you are requesting a special write-in ballot (see Section F). You may also request absentee ballots by telephone, fax, e-mail or by filling out and mailing the request form printed from the Secretary of State web site. Notifying the county auditor of any mailing address changes is required for an individual to receive absentee ballots for all future elections (for local, state and Federal offices).

Washington will automatically use a completed FPCA as a form for voter registration.

To register to vote only, send a completed FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located at any time. It must be received 30 days prior to the election.

To register and request an absentee ballot, send your FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located. The county auditor must receive your FPCA not earlier than 90 days before and not later than one day before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send your FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located. The county auditor must receive your FPCA or any other written and signed request not earlier than 90 days before and not later than one day before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the county auditor **within 10 days after the primary election or 15 days after the general election**. Postmark your voted ballot by election day.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 20 days before the election.

You must sign an oath validating the ballot

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

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- Washington allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
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Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

F. Special Write-in Absentee Ballot

Washington provides a state special write-in absentee ballot, available 90 days before an election, if you believe that you will be unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. In Item 7 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section III.E. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot." Candidate and issue information may not be available at the time of your request.

The state special write-in ballot must be requested not earlier than 90 days before the election. You may vote it by writing in the names of specific candidates.

Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

G. Ballot Application By Proxy

If you are currently registered, a member of your immediate family may request an absentee ballot for your use on your behalf. As a means of ensuring that the person who requests the absentee ballot is requesting the ballot for you, an auditor may require the person who requests the absentee ballot to identify your date of birth and deny a request that is not accompanied by this information.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Voting

Persons convicted of a felony must have voting rights restored prior to voting. Persons judicially declared incompetent may not vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

If you change your residence to a different county, you must re-register. If you change your residence within the same county, you must notify the county elections department by phone or in writing. Both of these actions must be completed at least 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote.

C. Late Registration

Unregistered qualified persons may register to vote in person at the office of the county auditor or a voter registration site in the county in which the applicant resides. This may be done after the close of registration for voting at the polls up until the 15th day before a primary, special election, or general election. These persons will be given an absentee ballot to vote and return by mail.

Mail the FPCA or other signed request to the County Auditor in your county of voting residence as listed below:

D. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA or other signed request to the County Auditor in your county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Address	City	Zip
Adams	210 Broadway St., West	Ritzville	99169-1897
Asotin	PO Box 129	Asotin	99402-0129
Benton	PO Box 470	Prosser	99350-0470
Chelan	PO Box 400	Wenatchee	98807-0400
Clallam	PO Box 3030	Port Angeles	98362-0338
Clark	PO Box 8815	Vancouver	98666-8815
Columbia	341 East Main St.	Dayton	99328-1361
Cowlitz	207 4th Ave., N.	Kelso	98626-4193
Douglas	PO Box 456	Waterville	98858-0456
Ferry	350 E Delaware #2	Republic	99166-9747
Franklin	PO Box 1451	Pasco	99301-1451
Garfield	PO Box 278	Pomeroy	99347-0278
Grant	PO Box 37	Ephrata	98823-0037
Grays Harbor	100 W Broadway, Ste. 2	Montesano	98563-3614
Island	PO Box 5000	Coupeville	98239-5000
Jefferson	PO Box 563	Port Townsend	98368-0563
King	500 4th Ave., Rm. 553	Seattle	98104-3280
Kitsap	1026 Sidney Ave., Ste 175	Port Orchard	98366
Kittitas	205 W. 5th Ave.	Ellensburg	98926-3129
Klickitat	205 Columbus St., Rm.203	Goldendale	98620-9293
Lewis	PO Box 29	Chehalis	98532-0029
Lincoln	PO Box 28	Davenport	99122
Mason	PO Box 400	Shelton	98584-0400
Okanogan	PO Box 1010	Okanogan	98840-1010
Pacific	PO Box 97	South Bend	98586-0097
Pend Oreille	PO Box 5015	Newport	99156-5015
Pierce	2401 S. 35th St, Rm 200	Tacoma	98409-7498
San Juan	PO Box 638	Friday Harbor	98250-0638
Skagit	PO Box 1306	Mt Vernon	98273-1306
Skamania	PO Box 790	Stevenson	98648-0790
Snohomish	3000 Rockefeller Ave. (MS-505)	Everett	98201-4046
Spokane	W. 1116 Broadway	Spokane	99260-0020
Stevens	215 South Oak, Room 106	Colville	99114-0189
Thurston	2000 Lakeridge Dr., SW	Olympia	98502
Wahkiakum	PO Box 543	Cathlamet	98612-0543
Walla Walla	PO Box 1856	Walla Walla	99362-1856
Whatcom	311 Grand Ave., Ste 103	Bellingham	98225-4038
Whitman	PO Box 350	Colfax	99111-0350
Yakima	128 N.Second St., #117	Yakima	98901-2646

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